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will have the popular suffrage in its favor, and will attract many readers who could not be induced to read Neal or any of the heavier works that occupy the same ground, we cannot doubt. We are glad, therefore, that such an experiment has been made, and shall take pleasure in announcing and welcoming the appearance of the remaining volumes.

18. — *The Word of the Spirit to the Church.* Boston: Walker, Wise, & Co. 1859. 16mo. pp. 86.

THE author of this discourse is the Rev. Dr. Cyrus A. Bartol. Its aim is to exhibit the ever-present Spirit of God as the life of the Christian soul, the element of union in the Church Universal, and the interpreter of the Divine Word in nature, conscience, and revelation. It is an earnest plea against worldliness, formalism, rationalism, and extra-Christian spiritualism, and in favor of simplicity in worship, vital faith, and indwelling and outworking piety. It has more than its author's wonted kaleidoscopic beauty of style. No writer of our day, in our judgment, equals him in the typology by which common scenes and trivial incidents are made impressive symbols of great and profound spiritual truths. His style at first sight may seem redundant in illustration and metaphor; but every illustration proves a mine of rich thought, every metaphor presents a new phasis of the truth under discussion. He abounds in digressions; but his digressions are always forays into a fruitful region, and he comes back with enhanced wealth of argument or motive for the position he is enforcing or the duty he is urging. The page is gorgeous and glittering, yet with no tinsel or false gems, but only with a profusion seldom paralleled of diamonds and precious stones. His method is his own; we should not like to see it imitated; it is the spontaneous and natural process of exhibition for one who is equally a keen observer and a deep thinker, and who must incorporate with his profoundest thought every image that meets his eye and every suggestion from without that falls upon his ear.

19. — *History of the Life and Times of James Madison.* By WILLIAM C. RIVES. Vol. I. Boston: Little, Brown, & Co. 1859. 8vo. pp. 660.

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